[Mr. K. M. Kesavan.]

(*a*) whether they have ever considered the necessity of putting up a bridge at Aroor on the Alleppey-Cochin road in view of its considerable commercial importance ; and

(*b*) if so what will be the cost of constructing a bridge there ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 2 lakhs, as per the latest estimate.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: With reference to the answer given, may I know when will the bridge be put up ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I cannot say for certain.

President: The honourable member will raise his voice.

Manufacture of cement.

15. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have finished their investigations with regard to the manufacture of cement in Travancore ;

(*b*) if so, whether the results are favourable ; and

(*c*) if favourable, do the Government propose to start a cement factory ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The investigations are still in progress.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Import of kerosene and petrol into Travancore.

16. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government of Travancore are having direct import of kerosene and petrol into Travancore ;

(*b*) what is the rate of import duty leviable on a gallon of petrol and kerosene in Travancore ; and

(*c*) what is the total quantity of petrol and kerosene consumed in the State per annum ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No duty is leviable on kerosene and petrol imported from British India and Cochin State into Travancore. The British

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly